

## Food Establishment Requirements Outline

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Idaho Rules Governing Food Safety and Sanitation Standards for Food Establishments (Unicode) require formal review and plan approval prior to construction, alteration or remodeling. A construction or pre-operational inspection is required. A final approval inspection is required to open the completed establishment.

At the plan review meeting -- APPOINTMENT REQUIRED--the designer or operator will be required to provide or discuss the following items:

1. The proposed menu
2. The operation of the establishment
3. A floor plan showing layout such as wall, equipment
4. A list of equipment - description, brand
5. The interior construction of the building - floor, walls, ceiling
6. A certificate of zoning approval for the proposed establishment

A preliminary meeting is advisable before final plans are drawn, especially if the designer is not familiar with the Idaho Rules for Food Establishments (Unicode).

The plans should be delivered several days prior to the actual review meeting to allow staff time to familiarize themselves with the plans. An appointment may then be set for the review meeting which may take 1 - 2 hours depending on the size and complexity of the operation.

More complete information and a copy of the Unicode (nominal fee) may be obtained from Central District Health Department, Environmental Health Division.

To use these tables, find your type of establishment in Table A. The numbers to the right refer to the requirements for your establishment. Table B describes the numbers.

## Table A

### List of Minimum Equipment and Structural Requirements for Food Establishments

Type of Establishment	Item Number and Minimum Requirements
Bakery	I- 4 and 8 - 19
Cart ( see mobile unit)	I + Section 02.19.880 Unicode
Catering kitchen	I-19
Catering truck	I and 20 + Commissary (19.880.02)
Commissary	I-19
Convenience store - limited food service	I- 4 and 7-18
Delicatessen	I-18
Food processing/ mfg.	I- 4 and 8-19
Meat market	I- 4 and 8-17
Mobile unit	I and 20 + Section 02.19.880 Unicode
Restaurant	I-19
Tavern	I- 4 and 6-17
Other:	

## Table B

### Description of Minimum Requirement Item Numbers

Item Number	Description
1	*Handwash sink in food preparation area
2	*Janitorial mop sink requires minimum 2 inch drain: maximum of 28 inches between rim height and floor.
3	*Employee toilet room with handwash sink
4	*Three compartment sink: For pot and pan washing
5	Four compartment sink: For washing pots, pans and utensils.
6	*Commercial dish washing machine with pre-rinse sink may be substituted for the 3 or 4 compartment sink.
7	Vegetable washing/preparation sink
8	Indirect drains (such as open hub, floor sink)
9	Other handwash sinks (depends on layout, facility size)
10	Storage areas (as needed)
11	Equipment: National Sanitation Foundation (NSF) or approved by Central District Health Department.
12	Refrigeration: Adequate, commercial quality
13	Water source: Approved by Health Department
14	Sewer source: Approved by Health Department
15	Building: Rodent proof, in good repair
16	Walls, ceiling: Smooth, non-absorbent, easy to clean, light colored, finished in all food preparation and utensil washing area.
17	Floors: Smooth, non-absorbent, coved at walls in all food preparation and utensil washing area rooms, walk-in refrigerators, locker rooms, and toilet rooms.
18	Exhaust hood(s) for grease vapors/steam.
19	Transportation facilities/equipment/vehicles.
20	Approved waste water dump site (mobile units)

\* At least one of each of these items shall be installed

Note: None of the operations connected with a food establishment shall be conducted in any room used as living or sleeping quarters (Section 02.19.700.15 Unicode).